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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 14, 2003, applicants elect Species a, Figs. 6-9 (first embodiment), with traverse. Claims 1 and 2 are drawn to the first embodiment.

Applicants traverse because a search for all the species would not place an undue burden on the examiner. A search for the elected species would likely overlap with a search for the other species, so all of the species could conveniently and efficiently be examined with a first embodiment. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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